

Fremont Conservation Commission
10-15-07 Minutes



Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of October 15, 2007
Approved November 5, 2007

Present: Chairman Jack Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien, Bill Knee and Tina Sturdivant, Alternate Pat deBeer and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

At 7:30 pm Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting and appointed Alt. deBeer as a voting member for this meeting.

MINUTES

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant with unanimous favorable vote.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2007 non-public meeting as written.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant with unanimous favorable vote.

PRIME WETLANDS STUDY

Chrm. Karcz reported that West Environmental, LLC has been paid a total of \$7,143.07 to date for services relative to the prime wetland study.

There was a conversation about the Town of Fremont Wetland Evaluation Report. Mr. West submitted 3 copies; one each for the Town Office, Town Clerk and NHDES. It was agreed that there should be a couple more copies available, one for the Library and another one for the Town Hall. Mbr. O'Brien stated that they cost about \$90.00 each.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to direct Mark West to print 2 additional copies of the Fremont Wetland Evaluation Report.

Motion seconded by Alt. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

NATURAL RESOURCES OUTREACH COALITION (NROC)/ NRI

Chrm. Karcz stated that the Commission received an October 9, 2007 e-message from Theresa Walker stating that Rob Pruyne of RPC is ready to update the NRI maps and she listed some items that were needed from the Commission including updates to the Open Space map with the recent conservation land, names of smaller brooks and streams for the "surface water resources", new zones and new developments added to the land use map, new developments added to "unfragmented lands". Mrs. Walker will obtain the information for the forest resources to correct the American Tree Farm system info shown on the map. Mbr. O'Brien and Chrm. Karcz updated all but the streams and Chrm. Karcz will deliver the updates to Mr. Pruyne.

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Mbr. O'Brien reminded everyone of the Desert session that will be held by NROC on November 5, 2007 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This will include a 15 to 20 minute power point presentation that they are doing to formally wrap-up the NROC implementation projects for all those communities that completed those projects.

TOWN FOREST/OAK RIDGE/LOOP TRAIL

Chrm. Karcz reported that he has heard of Frisbee-golf as a low impact activity that could be done in the Town Forest. It was the general consensus that this is an activity idea that would fit the area.

ERLAC

Mbr. Sturdivant reported the following:

Volunteer Biological Assessment Program (VBAP)

ERLAC will be hosting a The Fall Workshop on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 10am to noon at the Sandown Town Hall called "How Clean is the Exeter River. Bugs Provide the Answer". This will feature Sally Soule from DES who will be presenting VBAP data on macroinvertebrates and water quality

At 8:25 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 and 3 II (d) to discuss consideration of appraisal and acquisition of real property.

The motion was seconded by Alt. Sturdivant and unanimously approved 4-0.

At 8:55 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to return to public session.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant and unanimously approved 4-0.

No decisions were made during the non-public session.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion that, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 III, in as much as divulgence of the information presented likely would affect adversely the action here enclosed and render it ineffective, the minutes of the non-public session held at tonight's meeting be sealed until such time as, in the opinion of a majority of the Members of the Fremont Conservation Commission, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant and unanimously approved 4-0.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Chrm. Karcz reported that he had priced the LED (light emitting diode) projector to be kept in the Land Use Office and shared by all Land Use Boards for power point presentations. After some discussion Alt. deBeer moved that the Conservation Commission approve up to \$1,200 for the purchase the Dell 2400 ASK THOM and the screen and remote out of the residual fund.

Motion seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant with unanimous favorable vote.

Mbr. O'Brien reported that she has been thinking of a board to display articles at election time. She researched this and found a 3 sided tabletop display board made of foamboard, comes with a carrying case, the back side is an erase board for \$126.00 plus shipping. Her concern was that foamboard would not hold up to extended use. This prompted a conversation relative to the color, quality and cost. It was

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noted that a display board would probably be used not only by the Commission, but by other boards and committees so it could get quite a bit of use and should be sturdy enough to hold up to that use. After some discussion Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion to approve spending up to \$500 for a tabletop display board to come out of the project fund of the current budget for the purchase of a table top display board.

Motion seconded by Alt. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

As a follow-up to a discussion at the last meeting relative to the cost of a new computer, Mrs. Bolduc reported that there are two estimates from Dell, both with the same system and including software; 1) \$1,249.74 without a monitor and 2) \$1,299.76 including a monitor. She added that there is no need for a new printer at this time.

After some discussion Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion to approve spending up to \$650 from the CC Residual account for one half of the purchase of a new computer for the Land Use Office.

Motion seconded by Alt. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS

Chrm. Karcz reported that the Commission has received a statement invoice from the NHACC for the 2008 dues in the amount of \$225. This is early for budgetary reasons and is not due until April 1, 2008, but was billed out early so that the towns could budget for the increase.

KAKOURIS, IOANNIS/ROBERT PREMONT

Map 3 Lot 119

The Commission received an October 3, 2007 correspondence from Surveyor Tim Lavelle representing Robert Premont and Ioannis Kakouris for referral to the ZBA, as directed per Zoning Article IX Section H. The applicant is seeking a Special Exception to utilize an existing access road, which passes through the watershed protection district, as a residential driveway. The Members reviewed the plan that Mr. Lavelle submitted with the correspondence. It was found that the plan reflects the property as Map 3 Lot 120 when the correct lot is 119. The plan shows that the Special Exception sought would be in conjunction with a 2 lot subdivision of the property. It was noted that the applicant must also seek a Variance to create a parcel with less than 200' frontage (no frontage).

There was a conversation relative to the existing wetland crossing to be used for a driveway and creating a lot without frontage. There was also a conversation relative to the conservation easement that is on the property along the river.

It was the consensus of the Commission to issue the referral with some reservation in that the full extent of the plan is unknown due to lack of complete information.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers report will be discussed at the next meeting.

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INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice of the November 7 – 9, 2007 Local Government Center (LGC) Annual Conference.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Motion seconded by Alt. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc